

## GOV. MALLOY ANNOUNCES OVER A MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL ARTS GRANTS FOR CONNECTICUT ORGANIZATIONS

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Dannel P. Malloy and the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development's Office of the Arts today announced that the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has awarded 15 grants to arts organizations in Connecticut totaling over \$1 million.

"Connecticut is home to a uniquely vibrant and diverse arts community," **Governor Malloy said**. "Our painters, sculptors, musicians, and craftsman contribute not only to our state's culture, but to our economic prosperity as well. In fact, arts and cultural production accounts for over \$9 billion in value added to the Connecticut economy, and supports over 57,000 jobs. I'd like to thank the National Endowment for the Arts and congratulate the organizations that were awarded these generous grants. I look forward to the contributions these funds will bring to our exciting arts scene."

"These vital funds will be used to supplement the ongoing efforts to strategically support the thousands of arts organizations throughout the state," **Kristina Newman-Scott, Executive Director of the Connecticut Office of the Arts and State Historic Preservation Officer, said.** "We are thrilled that Connecticut has been awarded these funds and look forward to using them to increase arts and culture throughout the state."

The list of recipients and their grants are as follows:

- Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County, Art Works Arts Education, Bridgeport, \$10,000
- Hill-Stead Museum, Art Works Literature, Farmington, \$10,000
- Connecticut Historical Society, Art Works Folk & Traditional Arts, Hartford, \$30,000
- Connecticut Historical Society, Art Works Folk & Traditional Arts, Hartford, \$25,000
- Connecticut State Office of the Arts, Dept. of Economic & Community Development, Partnerships (State & Regional), Hartford, \$730,400
- HartBeat Ensemble, Art Works Theater, Hartford, \$10,000
- Hartford Symphony Orchestra, Inc., Art Works Music, Hartford, \$15,500
- Litchfield Performing Arts, Inc., Art Works Music, Litchfield, \$10,000

- Wesleyan University, Art Works Dance, Middletown, \$25,000
- Artspace, Inc., Our Town Design, New Haven, \$75,000
- Connecticut Players Foundation, Inc., Art Works Theater, New Haven, \$10,000
- Elm Shakespeare Company, Art Works Theater, New Haven, \$15,000
- Music Haven, Inc., Art Works Arts Education, New Haven, \$25,000
- Pilobolus, Inc., Art Works Dance, Washington Depot, \$10,000
- Westport Country Playhouse, Inc., Art Works Theater, Westport, \$15,000

The complete list of all the grants sorted by city and state and brief project descriptions for each award are available on NEA's website.

The Connecticut Office of the Arts is charged with fostering the health of the creative economy. The office develops and strengthens the arts in Connecticut and makes artistic experiences widely available to residents and visitors. Through their grant programs, the Office of the Arts invests in Connecticut artists and arts organizations and encourages the public's participation as creators, learners, supporters, and audience members.

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